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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROBLEM: ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONTINUING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ACETIC ANHYDRIDE (AA) EXPORTS FROM JAPAN. GOJ OFFICIALS EXPRESS INTEREST IN US PROGRESS ON MONITORING EXPORT-IMPORT AA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY (DEA SAIC) HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS IN NARCOTICS DIVISION, PHARMACEUTICAL BUREAU, MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, AND IN CHEMICAL DIVISION, MITI, AS FOLLOW-UP TO DISCUSSIONS
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HELD DURING CODEL WOLFF VISIT AND EARLIER ON MONITORING

EXPORT OF AA. DISCUSSIONS WITH MITI CHEMICAL DIVISION HEAD TAKAHASHI CENTERED ON INSTITUTING REGULARLY SCHEDULED REPORTS FROM MAJOR AA PRODUCERS OF PRODUCTION QUANTITIES AND DESTINATIONS AND AMOUNTS OF EXPORTS. AS TAKAHASHI POINTED OUT DURING CODEL VISIT, MITI HAS NO LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DEMAND SUCH INFORMATION BUT TAKAHASHI IS SEEKING VOLUNTARY COOPERATION FROM MAJOR PRODUCERS SUCH AS DAI CEL, CHISSO, TEIJIN, AND NIHON GOSEI KAGAKU, TO PROVIDE DATA ON EITHER MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY BASIS. TAKAHASHI REITERATED HIS AGREEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF OBTAINING THIS DATA TO ASSIST IN INTENSIVE DRIVE AGAINST TRAFFICKERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF HEROIN. RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE KNOWN SOON.

3. TAKAHASHI RECALLED THAT CODEL WOLFF INDICATED HE PLANNED ENERGETIC DRIVE IN US TO ESTABLISH METHODS OF TRACING OR MONITORING EXPORT OF AA, LEGISLATIVELY AND THROUGH EFFORTS WITH US MANUFACTURERS AND US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. TAKAHASHI ASKED WHAT SUCCESS CODEL'S SUBCOMMITTEE HAS HAD THUS FAR.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE NARCOTICS DIVISION DEP DIRECTOR AISO AND INTEL CHIEF MATSUISHI, DEA SAIC CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE US INTEREST IN MONITORING AA FLOW. REITERATING THAT MITI WAS CORRECT AGENCY TO MONITOR NORMAL TRAFFIC, NARC DIVISION OFFICIALS PROMISED NEVERTHELESS TO ADVISE DEA OF EXPORTS OF AA DISCOVERED IN THEIR NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS. BECAUSE OF THEIR GOAL OF DISCOVERING AND ELIMINATING ILLICIT DRUG MANUFACTURE AND TRAFFIC, WE ARE CONFIDENT THEY WILL PASS ON ANY SUCH INTEL.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN AND PROGRESS REALIZED BY CODEL WOLFF'S SUBCOMMITTEE WHICH WE MAY BE ABLE TO USE IN EFFORTS TO GENERATE ACTION BY GOJ.
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